

Feds Put Team in Brooklyn; War Is On

Backed by the Wards, "Tip Tops" Will Play at Old Washington Park.

OUTLAWS CARRY FIGHT TO MAJOR LEAGUES

Charles H. Ebbets Ruefully Says That He Can't Build a Fence Around Brooklyn.

The battle of Long Island, dear to the heart of Charles H. Ebbets, is on again. The Squire of Flatbush must meet the Feds hand to hand, for the outlaws carried the war into the country of the enemy yesterday by capturing Washington Park, the former home of the Superbas for ten years, and putting a team in Brooklyn.

A concrete stand, seating 15,000 persons will be built immediately. Not will the invaders lack funds to make the war an aggressive one. Robert E. Ward and his brother, J. C. Ward, president and vice-president of the Ward Baking and Bread Company, are the owners of the new club. Walter Ward, their nephew, will be associated with them.

Toronto will be dropped to make room for the Brooklyn Feds.

The baseball war, like the tariff, is now a local issue. The Federals have, for the time being at least, taken the aggressive. The next move is up to organized baseball.

Upon the shirts of the nine men who will cavort for the benefit of Brooklyn will be the name "Tip-Tops." This is not in blatant boast that they are assured of the leadership of the league, but simply in honor of a well known brand of bread baked by the Wards.

Unfortunately, there seems to be some ground for dispute as to the proper title for the new team. Suffrage influence will undoubtedly be thrown to the "Dainty Maids," which, as all housewives know, is the name of another brand which floats, or is 99.5-10 per cent pure, or something of that sort.

Others have suggested the Doughnuts, the Crullers, or even the Ladyfingers. Moreover, there is absolutely no way of preventing unscrupulous jokers from remarking that Pie, the recruit pitcher of the Yankees, whose name is pronounced as in mince, would make a splendid addition to the new team.

John M. Ward at the Helm.

John M. Ward, who is no relation to blood or bread to the owners, will be secretary and general manager of the Brooklyn Feds. Mr. Ward is supposed to be the agent of the Interborough company in bringing the new team to Washington Park.

It is known that the Interborough endeavored to induce the International League to put a club at Washington Park, but when that plan fell through the company naturally turned to the Federals. A street was surveyed through Washington Park some time ago, but there seems to be no immediate fear of its being cut.

James A. Gilmore, president of the Federal League, has been in New York since Tuesday. He has been angling for a site in greater New York and men to back the team ever since he arrived, but until yesterday maintained that no change would be made in the circuit of his league.

"Yes," he said yesterday, "I'll own up to all the lies I've told this week, but I would have been a sucker if I'd told the truth."

Washington Park belongs to the Edward H. Litchfield estate, with offices at No. 44 Wall street. Charles H. Ebbets had a chance to buy the property for \$20,000 recently, and was also urged to lease the park in order to stave off the invasion of the Feds. This he refused to do.

The Squire of Flatbush remarked ruefully yesterday when he heard of the coming of the Tip-Tops:

"Well, let 'em come. I can't build a fence around Brooklyn, can I?"

To Play to Big League Prices.

The new team will play at the same scale of prices as prevails at Ebbets Field. Six or seven players have been assigned to the team already, and more will be brought from other Federal League teams. An agent of the outlaws obtained an option on Washington Park last Friday, but the final arrangements were not made until yesterday morning.

The announcement of the invasion of Brooklyn was made a matter of ceremony. Mr. Gilmore invited all the newspaper representatives to meet him in Parlor B of the Knickerbocker Hotel, which was tastefully decorated with champagne bottles and cigar boxes.

"Gentlemen," said Mr. Gilmore, "the Federal League will put a team in Brooklyn this year to play at Washington Park."

Robert E. Ward, J. C. Ward and Walter Ward hurried to the hotel as soon as the cut was out of the bag, or, rather, as one might say, the bread out of the oven. R. B. Ward, president of the club, will have a good deal of territory to cover next season, for he lives in New Rochelle, works in The Bronx and has a ball club in Brooklyn.

"I have always been an ardent rooter," he said, "but I have not gone to Brooklyn much lately, because I like winning baseball. That's the kind we are going to have next season."

"I met Mr. Gilmore in Buffalo a week ago for the first time, and I was so much impressed by him that I decided to go in with his league."

John M. Ward, secretary and general business manager of the new team, is a figure well known in baseball. He was at one time second baseman for the New York Giants. Since then he has achieved fame by getting \$1,000 from Ban Johnson for libel, playing a fine brand of golf and acting as president of the Boston Braves for a short time. He is a lawyer.

No Reserve Clause in Contracts.

E. E. Gates, of Indianapolis, the lawyer of the Federal League, explained that the new organization had no reserve clause in its contract. It has, however, a somewhat similar provision. Any club may keep a player by giving him an increase of 5 per cent or more over his last season's contract. If the club does not care to pay the increase it must release the man.

The contract contains a clause giving a club the privilege of releasing a player after a ten-day notice.

Dave Fultz, president of the Baseball Players' Fraternity, with Jake Daubert and Ed Reulbach, called on the Federals yesterday to assure them that the Fraternity intended to remain neutral in the baseball war. Mr. Fultz refused to make

Things Happen in Baseball

Almost equal to the earthquake of Tuesday was the shock caused yesterday by the number of baseball surprises which "broke."

Johnny Evers signed with the Boston Braves for \$10,000 a year and a bonus of \$20,000.

The Federals announced that they would put a team in Washington Park, Brooklyn, backed by Robert E. and J. C. Ward, the breadmakers.

The board of directors of the National League met and decided that Evers should be taken away from Murphy and that the Chicago owner should get neither players nor cash in return as punishment for his act in discharging Evers without the usual ten-day notice of release.

The rules committee met and made a number of radical changes.

Dave Fultz said the Fraternity is not allied with organized baseball against the outlaws.

RADICAL CHANGES IN BASEBALL CODE

No More Can McGraw Hurl Back Fleeting Runner at Third Base.

No more shall the famous McGraw diving tackle hurl back the fleeting base runner as he rounds third base. This picturesque feature of the games at the Polo Grounds, giving, as it did, a smack of football to the diamond, has been abolished by the rules committee in a vigorous overhauling of the code.

The announcement was made at a joint meeting of representatives of the American and National leagues at the Biltmore Hotel yesterday.

An entirely new section of Rule 58 was drawn up. It provides that if any coacher at third base touch or hold a base runner at the base or a runner who is rounding third base for home, the umpire shall declare such base runner out. This will Chief Meyers rounding the far station at full speed be compelled to pull up within his own length at the signal, instead of depending upon some willing coacher to stop his mad career.

But this isn't all. The rules committee cut, slashed and amended until it was agreed that if a thrown ball touch an umpire it shall be considered still in play and the runner shall be entitled to all the bases he can make.

The ineptitude of certain umpires in getting in the way of a double play or play at first has long been the cause of much unhappiness among the fans. But now a runner can prance as far as he is inclined if a ball bounces off an umpire's shoulder to the grandstand.

As the rule now reads he must return to his base only if the person who is rounding the base interferes with the catcher alone in an attempt to throw the ball back to the pitcher.

Many other changes of minor importance were made. They have decided that no double play or two out can be made on an attempted squeeze play when the batter interferes with the catcher. If the baserunner is safe the batter be out, but if the runner is not out in spite of the interference the batter is not out.

In regard to pitching, a few minor alterations have been incorporated in the rules. Preliminary to pitching the ball the pitcher is to complete the circuit of the bases. Jimmy Sheppard, in a fit of business, or, rather, in a fit of anger, knocked out a home run and only went as far as second base before trotting to the plate. He is now a pitcher.

When a National League pitcher delivers the ball with either foot back of the pitcher's plate or not in contact with it, the National League has always considered it a balk when a pitcher drops the ball in the act of delivering it. But Ban Johnson intends to take up with his league in the hope of reaching an agreement.

The rule governing the stopping of a batted ball with a cap, glove or any part of the uniform will be detached from the rules and applied as a minor league rule. The runner being entitled to three bases if a batted ball is caught or stopped in this manner and two bases if it is caught or stopped in any other way.

When a thrown ball sticks in the meshes of a wire screen the runner shall be entitled to two bases. In calling time the umpire is not compelled to wait for the ball to be returned to the pitcher in case of fire, panic or storm.

SUPERBAS GET ELBERFELD "Tobacco Kid" to Coach Young Players for Robinson.

"Kid" Elberfeld, a former shortstop with the Yankees, who has managed Chattanooga in the Southern League, for several years, signed with Brooklyn yesterday. He will act as coach for the young players.

Cornell Swimmers Victors.

Boston, Feb. 12.—Cornell swimmers defeated the Harvard team in their annual dual meeting to-night by a score of 29 to 21. The "Ithaca" victory in the relay race, which netted them eight points, decided the meet.

Boys' High-Bryant Game Off.

Boys' High School will not meet Bryant High School in the first game of the series to decide the Public Schools Athletic League basketball championship at the 4th Regiment, Brooklyn, this afternoon.

any comment on the Federal League form of contract.

Henry C. Frick, the Pittsburgh steel man, was rumored to be one of the backers of the new club in Brooklyn, but this was denied by Mr. Gilmore and the Wards. Finley J. Shepard called on the head of the Federal League yesterday. He is an old friend of Mr. Gilmore, who said that the railroad man would lend only moral support to the outlaw league.

W. M. Walker and Charles Weegman, owners of the Chicago Feds, started home yesterday on the Twentieth Century Limited. Joe Tinker and Ban Johnson were passengers on the same train.

FRIEND HUSBAND

"ETHEL—MY LOVE—HERE IS A LITTLE VALENTINE REMEMBRANCE—IT'S JUST CANDY BUT LOTS OF LOVE GOES WITH IT—"



"OH HENRY DEAR! HOW LOVELY TO REMEMBER ME! IT'S NOT THE GIFT SO MUCH AS THE THOUGHT."



"HE USED TO BE THOUGHTFUL—WHEN YOU WERE FIRST MARRIED DIDN'T HE?"



Fraternity Not to Take Sides in Baseball War

Dave Fultz Denies That Players Who Jump Will Be Expelled.

SUSPENSION ONLY FOR THE OUTLAWS

Insists Once More That the Reserve Clause Is Not Recognized by His Organization.

David L. Fultz, president of the Baseball Players' Fraternity, gave out a statement yesterday denying that his organization had taken sides in the baseball war against the Federal League, and insisting that it would continue to be neutral.

He said that players who left organized ball to play with the outlaws would not be expelled, as stated by August Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission, but only suspended. Mr. Fultz said that the fraternity felt obliged to go slowly and had therefore not decided to give protection to players in the Federal League until more was known of the status of that organization.

"The Baseball Players' Fraternity has endeavored on numerous occasions to impress upon the public and all baseball factions that it takes a stand of absolute neutrality toward organized ball and the Federal League. This policy was decided upon months ago, and there has not, nor will there be, the slightest deviation from it."

The report that at the conference held yesterday at the Waldorf, among the National Commission, national board and

the fraternity delegates an agreement was made whereby the fraternity would violate its policy and assist organized ball in its fight against the Federal League is absolutely without foundation. No agreement of any kind regarding the Federal League was made, nor was any such agreement even discussed. "I have been quoted as saying that players who go to the Federal League will be expelled from our organization. This, too, is absolutely incorrect, and I have at no time made such a statement. All of these matters are governed by our by-laws, which will be lived up to strictly."

"These by-laws provide that when a member jumps his contract he will be expelled. And this penalty will be inflicted regardless of whether the contract is one with organized ball or the Federal League. This ruling, however, does not apply to the reserve clause, as the Fraternity does not recognize the validity of this clause."

"The by-laws further provide that when a player goes to a league which is not under our protection he shall be suspended, which should be distinguished from 'expulsion.' This provision exists, not that we think the player has done anything he should not have done, but because we feel that inasmuch as we cannot protect him in the league in which he is it is unfair that he should be compelled to pay dues. At any time he returns to a protected league he again becomes an active member automatically; this same provision applies to a player who becomes a manager."

"Protected leagues at the present are the major, Class AA and Class A leagues. Our organization is in its infancy. We have no precedents to follow and must necessarily grow slowly; it seems unwise, therefore, to pretend to give wholesale protection which we might not have the equipment or power to guarantee."

ZIMMERMAN AT SECOND

O'Day Picks Heine to Fill the Shoes of Johnny Evers.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Heine Zimmerman is destined to succeed Johnny Evers as second baseman of the Chicago Cubs, according to Hank O'Day, the new manager of the team, who arrived from New York to-day.

O'Day did not know until he reached Chicago that the trade by which Sweeney and Perdue would be given by Boston to the Cubs for Evers had fallen through, but when the latest news was told he said he would play Zimmerman at second and Art Phelan at third base.

YALE TEAM SWEEPS POOL

Beats Columbia in Swimming and at Water Polo.

Yale literally swam away from Columbia in a dual aquatic meet in the pool in the Columbia gymnasium last night, winning by a score of 17 to 6. The Blue and White did better in water polo and forced the night all the way. Yale led at the end of the first period by 10 to 5, but a throw goal by Columbia in the second period reduced the lead to 5 points. The final score was 10 to 5.

Columbia failed to win a single first place in the swimming events and scored its points on third place. The big surprise of the evening was the poor diving by Arthur MacAleenan, the New York Athletic Club champion, who was third.

Yale, after running away with the relay race, swept everything before it and made a show of the Columbia swimmers, who were completely outclassed. The times in none of the swimming races were phenomenal. Paul Roberts, the Yale captain, won the hundred-yard swim in 23.15 seconds, and Schlicht captured the fifty-yard contest in 27 seconds.

GUY NICKALLS ARRIVES

To Begin Coaching of the Yale Oarsmen Right Away.

Among the passengers who arrived last night from Southampton on the White Star liner Oceanic was Guy Nickalls, the Oxford oarsman who for several years stroked his crew to victory in the Oxford and Cambridge boat races. He comes here as an assistant coach of the Yale varsity crew. Mr. Nickalls was met by Richard Armstrong, graduate coach at Yale, and William Crocker, stroke in last year's varsity crew. Mr. Armstrong said that Mr. Nickalls would go at once to New Haven, where he will start tomorrow working on the crew in the gymnasium and tank. He will remain until the end of the contest between Yale and Harvard at New London.

COMISKEY TAKES TURN FOR WORSE

Confined to Bed Again—Giants and Sox Call Off the Game at Rome.

Rome, Italy, Feb. 12.—Charles A. Comiskey, president of the Chicago club of the American League, was again confined to his bed to-day, suffering from stomach trouble.

Professor Giuseppe Bastianelli, who was in attendance, forbade him to leave for Nice to attend with the members of the touring baseball teams.

The Giants and White Sox were obliged to abandon the idea of playing a game here, as, although the weather was fine to-day, the arena of the Stadium had been transformed into a morass owing to the continual downfall of the last few days.

PARTING : SHOTS :

A BASEBALL DIOGENES.

He took his little lantern, And he wandered through the land, A-delving in the corners And the nooks on ev'ry hand; He searched on all the highways And along the shady lanes, But he couldn't find one friend of Charlie Murphy's.

This winter league has gone far enough. The vanguard of the Yankees trooped South day before yesterday and no one gave them a tumble.

In order to drive Charlie Murphy out of baseball a Chicago syndicate stands ready to buy the Cubs, the biggest gold mine in the game aside from the Giants. Can you beat that for sheer daring?

Murphy would be missed in the councils of the league just as McGraw would have missed Snodgrass in that last battle with the Red Sox.

It seems that Governor Tener is serving without pay during all this stress and turmoil in the National League, but he hopes to collect for three years after January 1, 1915. At the rate things are going now there may not be any such thing as a presidency of the National League by the time he is ready to cash. It was a nice thing for the Gov. to offer his services when all the spare cash was needed to guarantee Johnny Evers's salary and fight the Federals.

While the winter is a bit cool up in Connecticut, the wood logs are crackling right merrily on Tom Lynch's hearth.

They are getting a little perky upstate and connecting Johnny Evers with the motto: "Made in Troy." Why shouldn't he collar and cuff Murphy?

Joe Tinker will pass many a sleepless night thinking how the vested interests are going to blacklist him and force him to keep that \$10,000 bonus.

We are patiently waiting to hear the announcement of the "course" which organized baseball intends to pursue in regard to the outlaws. So far they have decided that the best way to prevent players from jumping is to let them jump. If a burglar comes in the back door one night and steals the family plate, leave the front door open the next night so he can take Grandfather's clock.

Ben Shibe says that Connie Mack has become a raving bug on golf. We hope the affliction continues, so that Connie will start figuring out how to play a bad lie and forget to give Barry the signal for the squeeze the next time the Athletics go up against Matty.

Murphy must be about as popular in Chicago as old "Doc" Cook was in Copenhagen just after Bob Peary returned to civilization. Even the ushers, ticket takers and employes at the park want to jump to the outlaws.

Those who gathered in Penock Alley expecting to join the owners in merry peals of laughter over the late Federal League were disappointed. If there is any joke league around the finger of some popular points directly at the dear old National organization.

Danny Morgan and Jimmy Johnston are engaged in a heated controversy. But there is no danger of blows being struck. They will send their men into the ring to decide the issue. That's the advantage of having a stable of boxers. You do the talking and somebody else attends to the details of fighting.

Boxing Bouts on the Card.

The bouts on the card to-night will be as follows: "Young" Brown vs. Johnny Harvey, at the Fairmont Athletic Club; "Soldier" Kearns vs. "Porky" Flynn, at the Irving Athletic Club; "Young" McGowan vs. Harry Pierce, at the Gowanus Athletic Club; Walter Hennessey vs. Teddy Hubbs, at Brown's gymnasium; Charles Barry vs. Tommy Purcell, at the Dexter Park Athletic Club; Al Thomas vs. Jack Hansen, at the Queensboro Athletic Club; Patsy Callahan vs. Joe Coster, at the Broadway Athletic Club; "Young" Murphy vs. Tommy Farrell, at the Atlantic Garden Athletic Club; and Fred Fritts vs. Jack Connors, at the Vanderbilt Athletic Club.

Cubs Forced to Give Up Evers to Braves

Everybody Just Loves Murphy

Philadelphia, Feb. 12.—Connie Mack denounced the ousting of Johnnie Evers as manager of the Chicago Cubs to-day as detrimental to the National League as well as a blow to organized baseball. He said that Charles Webb Murphy has a right to run the Cubs in any way he pleases only so long as he conducted matters in a way that would not prove a hindrance to the National League in particular and baseball in general.

National League Makes a Move Which May Mean Bitter Civil War.

ACTION UNHEARD OF IN LIFE OF BASEBALL

Deposed Manager Signs with Boston for \$10,000 a Year and Big Bonus of \$20,000.

The National League hit Charles Webb Murphy in his most vital spot yesterday. It forced him to hand over Johnnie Evers, the manager he deposed, to the Boston Braves, and not even for a song.

It also compelled him to return Sweeney and Perdue, the players he received in exchange for the infielder, and, as a crowning blow, the league purposed to force Murphy to pay Evers a bonus of \$20,000 for signing with Boston, a first club.

The action is unprecedented in organized baseball. Even Murphy's worst enemies have never denied that he was a fighter. He will fight now, unless all indications are wrong. The struggle which seems bound to follow may disrupt the National League and effect a new line-up in the baseball world. Civil war is brewing.

The blow at Murphy was delivered yesterday at a meeting of the board of directors of the National League, in the Waldorf-Astoria. Barney Dreyfus, of Pittsburgh; August Herrmann, of Cincinnati; Charles H. Ebbets, of Brooklyn; Harry Hempstead, of the Giants; and John H. Heydler, secretary of the league, who presided, were present.

"This may not be law in the courts," said August Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission, "but it is baseball law, and I guess that will be good enough for us."

Governor Tener, president of the league, who hurried on from Harrisburg, Pa., and arrived late last night, would not make a formal statement concerning the case.

"Sweeney and Perdue and Evers are the property of the Boston club," he said. "I do not care to say anything more about the details of the transfer, except that the honor of baseball must be upheld and justice must be preserved between owners and players."

"There are several angles to the deal which I do not care to discuss, but an injustice has been done to Mr. Murphy. Governor Tener remained in town for only half an hour. 'You may be sure the league will sift the matter to the bottom,' was his parting comment. The Governor declared that any other statement on the deal must be made by James Gaffney, of the Braves, but Mr. Gaffney refused to embrace the opportunity.

If the National League versus Evers action in the case of Murphy versus Evers was a disaster, it was not that the league desired to punish Murphy, but he was stripped of one of his star players, an asset worth to him from \$20,000 to \$30,000. The move of the Federals into Brooklyn forced the hand of the National League.

Evers signed with the Braves last night for a salary of \$10,000 a year for five years and a bonus of \$20,000.

The outlaws, with Joe Tinker acting as their advocate, offered him \$10,000 for three years to become manager of the Brooklyn team. Of this amount the promised to put \$12,000 in his hands in check or currency if he desired.

The player was loyal to the National League, but he was obsessed with a hatred of Murphy, who had thrown him out of his job as leader of the Cubs without even giving him the ten-day notice of release.

When the trade of Evers for Perdue, the Boston pitcher, and Sweeney, the second baseman, was arranged it was thought that the player from Chicago would be delighted to accept. He balked.

"I'll give you a big bonus if you do with us," said James Gaffney, owner of the Braves. "It's not a matter of money, but of pride. I will be a party to a deal by which Murphy profits. If cash is paid for me Murphy must not get one cent of it. The purchase price will be paid to me or I won't go."

"I won't let Murphy get any players for me," he continued. "He humiliated me and I want him to be humiliated in return."

A lawyer was summoned from Troy, who told Evers that his stand, although perhaps natural under the circumstances, could hardly be maintained as reasonable. Yet he would not give in.

The news that Ban Johnson and the American League frowned upon Murphy and all his works made the player's position stronger, and after an all-day conference yesterday he won his point.

When he signed the contract with the Boston Braves for \$10,000 a year, Evers, who is known on the diamond as an inveterate "crab," grinned broadly.

"What are you laughing at?" said a friend beside him. "Are you thinking that \$10,000 a year and the \$20,000 bonus is a lot?"

"No," answered Evers, "I'm thinking of Murphy."

Larry Lajoie in Quarantine.

Cleveland, Feb. 12.—Napoleon Lajoie, Cleveland American League second baseman, will not be able to go South with the rest of the Naps for the spring training trip on February 23 by reason of his being under quarantine on account of his being afflicted with diphtheria. Antitoxin was administered to Lajoie to-day. Mr. Lajoie's condition is serious.

FUND FOR SARATOGA MEET

Citizens Raising \$10,000 to Defray Expenses of Racing.

Troy, N. Y., Feb. 12.—In preparation for the race meeting which is to be held in August by the Saratoga Racing Association the citizens of Saratoga Springs are raising a fund of \$10,000 to help defray the expenses.

M'FARLAND-GIBBONS BOUT CALLED OFF

Reddy, Manager of Latter, Wires to St. Paul There Is Small Chance for Match.

The proposed ten-round bout between Mike Gibbons, of St. Paul, and "Paaky" McFarland in Madison Square Garden has been declared off, according to dispatches received last night from Chicago. Billy Gibbons, manager of the Garden Athletic Club, could not be found last night at his usual haunts, and no official confirmation of the calling off of the match could be had in this city.

It is known, however, that Eddy Reddy, manager of the St. Paul middleweight, wired to St. Paul last night from New York that the match was practically off.

MURPHY TO SUE JOHNSON

Willing to Spend \$200,000 to Punish Slanderers, He Says.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago club of the National League, who returned here to-night from New York, announced that his attorney had been directed to bring suit tomorrow against Ban Johnson, charging the American League president with slander and conspiracy.

Johnson had conspired to oust him from baseball, Murphy said. He refused to give any details of the proposed suit and would not say with whom Johnson had conspired. Neither would he say what the basis for the slander charges was. Murphy also said the Chicago club was not for sale and that he had no intention of putting his stock on the market. James A. Pugh, a wealthy Chicago man, confirmed the report that several men here had asked Murphy for his terms for his share of Cub stock.

"If we succeed in purchasing Mr. Murphy's interest in the Cubs, the first thing we will try to do will be to get Frank Chance back," he said. Mr. Murphy started several times to talk about his baseball plans, but before any sentence was concluded his conversation would hark back to Mr. Johnson.

"I'll spend \$200,000 to punish those who have been slandering me, and I'll still have the Chicago club," he said.

BAKER FAVORITE OVER TED MEREDITH

Interest Centres in Thousand-Yard Run at Irish-American Games.